

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm at St. Lawrence

7:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley

Christmas Morning

9:00 am at St. Lawrence

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

Thursday, **December 21st** immediately following the 6pm Mass

at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER:

Here is a prayer you may use when lighting the third Advent Wreath Candle this week:

Loving Father, Christmas comes soon, and we rejoice that Jesus, who is coming to save us, is draws ever more near. Help us to live in a generous and merciful way, just as He taught us. May we keep the flame of faith shining in our hearts, and never allow despair to intrude. Fill us with hope and joy. Bless those who mourn the loss of loved ones during these days, and comfort those in pain. Help us to be alert for the many ways Christ joins His life to ours. Through Christ our Lord.

-Father Bill

DOUBLE DIPPING? I have been asked: Since Christmas Day falls on a Monday, can attending an

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Sat, Dec. 16, 5:00 pm SJV

Sam Erzen ☩

Sun, Dec. 17, 9:00 am Mass, STL

For the People of the Parish

Tues, Dec. 19 6:00 pm Mass, STL

Dale Crook ☩

Thurs, Dec. 21, 6:00 pm Mass, SJV

In remembrance of Our Founding

Members of SJV Parish

160 Years Ago ☩

Sat, Dec. 23, 5:00 pm SJV

For the People of the Parish

Sun, Dec. 24, 9:00 am Mass, STL

Donald Gwartney ☩

Sun, Dec. 24, 5:00 pm, STL

(Christmas Eve)

For the People of the Parish

Sun, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm, SJV

(Christmas Eve)

For the People of the Parish

Mon, Dec. 25, 9:00 am, STL

(Christmas Day)

For the People of the Parish

evening Mass on Christmas Eve fulfill both obligations (for the Sabbath and Christmas?)

The simple and quick answer is this: these are two separate obligations. So to fulfill both these obligations means going to two separate Masses. There is no "double dipping" by simply attending a Christmas Eve evening Mass. You can go Saturday evening or Sunday morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent. And come to church again at our 5pm or 7pm Christmas Eve Masses, or, of course, Christmas morning at 9am. It won't hurt you.

If you have a question or need clarification, please let me know.

-Father Bill

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at

the RECTORY: Bentley and I would like to invite anyone who'd like to come to the Rectory for a nice visit with tasty treats and drink to celebrate the season. Our Open House is **Wednesday, December 27th**, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We'd enjoy having you over to relax a bit and enjoy the holidays together. No RSVP. Come as you are.

-Father Bill

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish. Collection for last weekend was \$14,820, including \$2190 for the regular collection, \$12,050 Capital Campaign and \$150 Hall Rent, \$25 Utilities, \$80 Mass Stipend, and \$325 for the STL Cemetery. We collected \$249 for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Online donations were \$410.15. Thank you for your generosity!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

meets Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish Center.

THANK YOU. Many thanks to all the ladies who attended Ladies Night. It was a wonderful event bringing many women in our community together. Special thanks to Karen Logan and Noelle Pohl for all their assistance.

XAVIER SCHOOLS: Save the date for Xavier Catholic School's annual Ignite the Green and White. Join us at the Riverfront

Community Center on March 2 to celebrate 165 years of Catholic

education in our community. Please scan the QR code for more information.



NEW YEAR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION & PLANNING

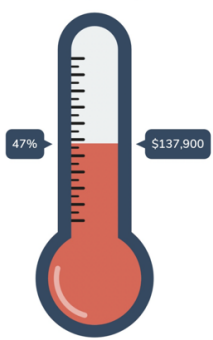
RETREAT: will be held at Christ's Peace House Of Prayer, **Jan. 5-7th, 2024.** Join us! Set aside time at the beginning of the new year and to plan for the year ahead.

JANUARY 2024 OFFERINGS AT SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

Scholarships are always available. Learn more and register at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Guided Meditation—New Year: Offering (Zoom), January 3, 2024 | Wednesday 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CST, Cost: \$15. We are reminded of

GOAL: \$290,450



To date we have received pledges totalling \$137,900. Our goal to complete all our projects is \$290,450. So we need the help and participation of *everyone* in the parish. Please fill out your pledge card soon and become part of this campaign to repair, update, and enhance our five parish buildings.

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our own need to make offerings and sacrifices pleasing to the Lord.

A Single-Women's Retreat: Qualities of a Healthy Spirituality (on-site), January 5-7, 2024 | Friday, 7:00 p.m.—Sunday, 1:00 p.m. CST, A Friday evening social with refreshments will be hosted from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cost: \$150 (includes private room and meals) We will discuss what it means to have a healthy spirituality and explore what that looks like for you. This will be an engaging and interactive time.

Reading *Accidental Theologians With the Expressive Arts (via Zoom), January 10, 17, 24, 31 | Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. CST, Cost: \$80.* Elizabeth A. Dreyer's book *Accidental Theologians* explores the four women theologians who are Doctors of the Church. Each week we will explore the work of one of these extraordinary women through both discussion and expressive arts exploration. No art experience is necessary.

Lectio Naturae: Sacred Reading of the Book of Nature (via Zoom), January 19, 2024 | Friday 10:30 a.m.-noon CST, Cost: \$20 (or \$75 for all 5 sessions) Just as lectio divina is a slow, contemplative praying of the scriptures, which leads us into union with God; lectio naturae is an invitation to listen deeply with the ear of the

heart for God's voice speaking to us through the natural world.

A College-Age Retreat: Care of the Earth—Care of the Poor (on-site), January 26-27, 2024 | Friday, 4:00 p.m.-Saturday, 2:00 p.m. CST. Cost: \$25 (includes meals and lodging—scholarships are available) NOTE: This retreat is for high school graduates through the age of 25 years. Meet like-minded peers, have fun, and embark on a journey of sacred discovery as we explore what it means to love and serve as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ.

January Coffee & Silence (on-site), January 16, 2024 | Tuesday 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. CST. Cost: free-will offering. Meet like-minded peers, have fun, and embark on a journey of sacred discovery as we explore what it means to love and serve as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at SJV-STL:

Clean St. Lawrence Church once a month: Contact: Debbie Ernzen (913) 683-2530 or Tracy Wagner (913) 775-2064

Music/Cantors: Contact Karen Logan at 913-683-2406 or kjunebug1@yahoo.com.

Mass Server Coordinator Volunteer Opportunity: Contact: Kevin Heim @ 913-271-1900.

Lectors And Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Sharon Wagner at w5cattle@aol.com or 913-683-4495.

BULLETIN ITEMS: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjslparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

PRAYER LIST: *If you would like to have a name added or removed from our prayer list, please contact Kim Sachse. Our Parish Prayer Ministers invite you to join them in praying for the following:* Phil Bell, Vicki Bradford, Steve Bromell, Joe Brose, Judy Brose, Jennifer Brushwood, Carl Davidson, George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Gail DeMaranville-Zule, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Anna Foster, Helen Frazier, Glen Goodland, Karen Gray, Alan Halstead, Patti Harris, Marly Heim, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Ruthie Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Alison Ito, Michael Jones, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Joyce Lowe, Shauna Marshall, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Charles Mullins, Don Navinsky, Leslie Navinsky, Lonnie Dean Phillips Jr., Betty Pierron, Mary M. Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Jesse Salinas, Mary Beth Schrader, Charlie Schletzbaum, Mary Shelley, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Chrissy Stewart, Rebecca VanVerth, and Pat Wilson.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: **ARMY:** CPT Daniel Broadus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. **AIRFORCE:** E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. **NAVY:** Dennis Budasz Jr., Sterling Curry, YNSC (SS) Kevin Lansing. **MARINE CORPS:** Drake Budasz

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**Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church
Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am at St. Lawrence Church**

*Confessions are heard 30 minutes
before the weekend Masses or by appointment*

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday evening 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence Church
Thursday evening 6:00 pm at St. Joseph of the Valley Church

Our Sunday Funny:



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